

## **HHS awards more than \$295 million to increase access to primary care**

*Washington State health centers receive 25 awards totaling \$7,491,404.*

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced today \$295 million in Affordable Care Act funding to 1,195 health centers in every U.S. State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin to expand primary care services.

Today's awards enable health centers to increase access to comprehensive primary health care services by hiring an estimated 4,750 new staff including new health care providers, staying open for longer hours, and expanding the care they provide to include new services such as oral health, behavioral health, pharmacy, and vision services. These investments will help health centers reach an estimated 1.5 million new patients nationwide, including over 137,000 oral health patients and more than 38,000 mental and substance abuse patients.

"Health centers are a key part of how the Affordable Care Act is working to improve access to care for millions of Americans," said Secretary Burwell. "These funds will enable health centers to provide high-quality primary health care to more people including the newly insured, many of whom may be accessing primary care for the first time."

Health centers are helping to implement the Affordable Care Act, not only as providers of care but also by linking individuals to coverage through outreach and enrollment in the [Health Insurance Marketplace](#). Recent statistics show that health centers provided enrollment assistance to more than 6 million people over the last year. "Health centers provide comprehensive primary and preventive services in their communities" said HRSA Administrator Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N. "Today's awards will be used to expand access to care, to the people that need it most." Today, nearly 1,300 health centers operate more than 9,200 service delivery sites that provide care to over 21.7 million patients. Since the start of this Administration, health centers have increased the number of patients served by health centers by more than 4.5 million people.

25 Washington centers receive total of \$7,491,404, projected to support 104 new FTEs and 40,005 new patients

Awardee Name	City	State	Award Amount
COLUMBIA BASIN HEALTH ASSOCIATION	OTHELLO	WA	\$281,168
COLUMBIA VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH	WENATCHEE	WA	\$273,278
COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES	NESPELEM	WA	\$197,182
COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SPOKANE	SPOKANE	WA	\$368,980
Community Health Care	Tacoma	WA	\$271,028
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY	EVERETT	WA	\$322,782
Community Health Of Central Washington	Yakima	WA	\$252,756
COUNTRY DOCTOR COMMUNITY CLINIC	SEATTLE	WA	\$258,688
COWLITZ FAMILY HEALTH CENTER	LONGVIEW	WA	\$258,222
FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS	OKANOGAN	WA	\$234,772
HEALTHPOINT	RENTON	WA	\$448,220
INTERFAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	BELLINGHAM	WA	\$227,596
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES	SEATTLE	WA	\$247,292
KING, COUNTY OF	SEATTLE	WA	\$259,490
LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES INC	CHEHALIS	WA	\$249,488
METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE	TACOMA	WA	\$192,952
MOSES LAKE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	MOSES LAKE	WA	\$265,708
NEIGHBORCARE HEALTH	SEATTLE	WA	\$386,176
NEW HEALTH PROGRAMS ASSOCIATION	CHEWELAH	WA	\$222,596
PENINSULA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES	BREMERTON	WA	\$261,618
SEA-MAR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	SEATTLE	WA	\$715,514
SEATTLE INDIAN HEALTH BOARD	SEATTLE	WA	\$212,184
TRI-CITIES COMMUNITY HEALTH	PASCO	WA	\$267,704
YAKIMA NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH SERVICES	YAKIMA	WA	\$247,680
YAKIMA VALLEY FARM WORKERS CLINIC	TOPPENISH	WA	\$568,330

To see a full list of award winners, visit [www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2014tables/expandedservices/](http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2014tables/expandedservices/).

To learn more about the Affordable Care Act and Community Health Centers, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/healthcenterfactsheet.pdf>.

To learn more about HRSA's Community Health Center Program, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/index.html>.

To find a health center in your area, visit <http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>.